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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kimio INOUE

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EXAMINER: D. L. SORKIN

FOR: SCREW SET FOR EXTRUDER

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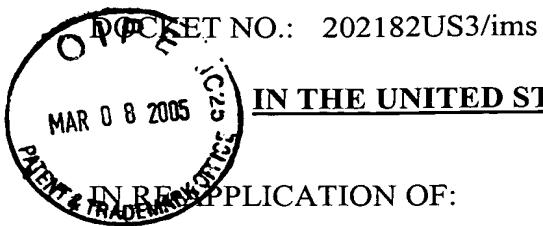
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 6-47734) on Form PTO-1449:

PURPOSE: To provide rotors effective for gel elimination which can effectively apply shear stress corresponding to various kinds of materials by constituting the kneading part of the rotors separately with a feed blade segment, a return blade segment, and an apex segment of straight blade each of which can be set exchangeably to the center shaft of the rotor.

CONSTITUTION: Two rotors 8 are composed of a feed blade 22 and return blade 23 which are twisted respectively in the feed and return directions and have a kneading part B in which the feed blade 22 and return blade 23 cross each other to form an apex. The rotors 2 are inserted into the barrel of a kneader or an extruder to be able to rotate. The kneading part B of the rotors 8 is composed separately of a feed blade segment 1, a return blade segment 2, and an apex segment 3 of a straight blade. In this way, the best clearance for gel elimination can be obtained only by exchanging the segments according to the properties of materials. Efficient shear stress can be applied to the material which passes through the clearance.

The document discloses only the construction of the kneading rotor.

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